

Senate Resolution 272

By: Senators Grant of the 25th and Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mrs. Annette Milliken; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annette Milliken was an exceptional mother to her family and to the
3 community of Morgan County and a model Georgian; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Annette, a proud daughter of Georgia, was born in Jackson County, relished
5 many happy vacations visiting with relatives in Athens, and graduated from Bass High
6 School in Atlanta, where she met her future husband, John Milliken; and
- 7 WHEREAS, John and Annette were married on August 4, 1956, beginning a 50 year
8 adventure filled with love and happiness; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Annette started a career at the Fulton Federal Savings and Loan, but, after
10 giving birth to her first daughter, Susan, in 1960 and her second daughter, Gail, in 1964,
11 Annette decided to become a full-time mother and homemaker; and
- 12 WHEREAS, John, who worked for Southern Bell, was transferred to Bell Labs in Murray
13 Hill, New Jersey, where the Milliken family spent several years and where Annette created
14 the Candle Cellar, a business that specialized in quality, handcrafted candles; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to raising a family and managing her growing business, Annette was
16 an active member of Terrell Road Baptist Church, where she was the church secretary,
17 played piano, sang in the choir, and taught vacation Bible School; and
- 18 WHEREAS, after five years in New Jersey, Annette and John were able to come back to
19 their beloved Georgia when John was transferred back to BellSouth headquarters in Atlanta,
20 and Annette started another candle business in Stone Mountain, adding floristry and a
21 number of other crafts to her repertoire; and

1 WHEREAS, John retired from BellSouth in 1986 and accepted a position with General
2 DataComm, Inc., (GDC) in Cheshire, Connecticut, where Annette won countless blue
3 ribbons for her flower arrangements and was honored with the Governor's Award in the
4 Connecticut Flower Show; and

5 WHEREAS, when John retired from GDC in 1996, he and Annette returned to Georgia and
6 settled in the town of Buckhead on Lake Oconee, and, instead of spending their retirements
7 at ease, they dedicated themselves toward making Morgan County a better place to live; and

8 WHEREAS, Annette was proud of her community and state and often invited newcomers
9 to the many clubs, social organizations, and political rallies in which she participated, serving
10 as president of the Bethany-Buckhead Friendship Club and welcoming new community
11 residents through the Lake Oconee Newcomers and the Madison Newcomers; and

12 WHEREAS, Annette was proud of her heritage as a Georgian and as a citizen of the United
13 States, and she was treasurer of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
14 and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

15 WHEREAS, on August 4, 2006, Annette and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary
16 with the company of a loving family and hundreds of friends and neighbors; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its most esteemed citizens with the passing
18 of Mrs. Annette Milliken.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 join together to honor the memory of Mrs. Annette Milliken, recognize her many amazing
21 accomplishments, express their deepest regret at her passing, and extend their most sincere
22 condolences to her family.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Annette Milliken.